

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

**June 03, 2020**

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

**2020-137-G/2020-106-A**

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**2020-400**

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

**DOCKET NO. 2020-137-G** - Request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Approval to Suspend Routine Meter Testing for the Remainder of 2020;

-and-

**DOCKET NO. 2020-106-A** - Actions in Response to COVID-19 - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated's Request for Approval to Suspend Routine Meter Testing for the Remainder of 2020.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Pursuant to Rule 103-475 as modified by Order No. 2015-623, Piedmont Natural Gas Company engages in routine testing of its in-service meters, selected through statistical sampling, to ensure that they are achieving overall accuracy. This routine meter testing requires Piedmont to conduct the service at a central workshop, which causes its employees to enter the homes or businesses of customers to locate the active meter, briefly stop gas service, remove the existing meter, install a replacement, relight pilots, and perform safety checks.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Piedmont requests that it suspend the Program's testing for the remainder of 2020 to protect the health of its employees and customers. The Company states that it intends to resume the Program beginning in 2021, assuming COVID-19 is no longer posing a threat in the Company's service territory. The Company also notes that it has no cause for concern that suspension of the Program for the remainder of 2020 will harm customers or increase the Company's overall operational risk.

The Office of Regulatory Staff does not object to the Company's request to suspend the Program during COVID-19 and states that a temporary suspension of the Program will reduce the spread of COVID-19 by eliminating direct interactions between customers and Piedmont's employees.

Move to Approve the request to temporarily suspend routine testing for the remainder of 2020 as sought by the utility.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>

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Family Sick Leave

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Military Leave

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